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No CIA Probe

As expected the Senate liberals—led by Senators Fulbright, Morse, Javits, etc.—are calling for a Congressional probe of the Central Intelligence Agency in the wake of reports that it paid the National Student Association and other groups for information gathered overseas.

The Senators can't say exactly what the CIA did wrong. They are hinting that paying NSA students money for information gathered, while attending functions in Communist countries, somehow has endangered the integrity and independence of our educational institutions.

This is pure, unadulterated nonsense.

There hasn't been a fragment of evidence to indicate that any student had to compromise his own freedom or jeopardized the integrity or independence of any college or university by virtue of receiving CIA money.

On the contrary, it would seem more probable that information gained could well help

this country combat the attempts being made by Communists to infiltrate and gain strength on American university campuses.

To suggest that the CIA be subjected to a public Congressional probe is to propose its demise. How can an intelligence gathering organization operate in a public spotlight? It can't and the liberal critics know this. Their aim is the same today as in the past—to knock out the CIA.

The CIA continues to keep the President, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State and the Senate CIA watchdog committee informed of its operations. There is no need to change this method of operation. It is working well.

The revelations that the CIA has paid various individuals and groups money for information is not especially significant, except it shows that the CIA is still very much on the job—for which all Americans should be thankful.